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Cambridge Open Art Exhibition returns to Swavesey Village College from 17th-19th November

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GERRY WILMER

Craft Fair

In aid of

Over Day Centre

Saturday October 14th 2017
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Swavesey Memorial Hall

Stalls include
Candles, Gin, Preserves, Jewellery, Massage,
Beauty, Football Memorabilia, Cards
and many more
Refreshments/Raffle/Tombola

Free Entry

EDITORIAL

It may be Autumn and the days getting shorter but there is still plenty to interest you in Swavesey. A Craft Fair in aid of Over Day Centre. and then the Cambridge Open Art Exhibition. If you have not been to see this in the past then give yourself a treat and go and see some of the amazing work on display, – you will not be disappointed!

Autumn is when you may be planning an event for Christmas or New Year- don't forget to let us know in plenty of time so we can spread the word –the deadline for the December/January issue is 20th October.

As always we welcome articles for publication be they historical, travel, food and drink, horticultural etc. etc. and don't forget we can publish your birthday greetings, congratulations, as long as we have them in time.

Editor.

Cover Image - Cambridge Open Arts Exhibition
Inside Front Cover - Over Day Centre - Craft Fair
Inside Back Cover - Swavesey Scouts - Christmas postal service
Back Cover - Angel and Star Festival + Craft Fayre

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

14 October 2017	Swavesey Festival	Oompah Band, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £18 including hot dogs. 01954 232247.
14 October 2017	St Andrews Church	Sedici Choir: 7pm, Tickets £8 or £5 for school-age children. 01954 230077
17 November 2017	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 6pm - 9pm at Swavesey Village College. Preview Reception tickets £5
18 November 2017	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 5pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
19 November 2017	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 5pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
02 December 2017	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre: angels and stars display, craft stalls, refreshments and children's activities. 10am – 4pm, 01954 230971
03 December 2017	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival: angels and stars display, refreshments and children's activities. 2 – 4pm, 01954 230971

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October		
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	"Bumblebees" A presentation by Brian Eversham from The Wildlife Trust
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 14	Swavesey Festival	Oompah Band, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £18 including hot dogs. 01954 232247.
Saturday 14	St Andrews Church	Sedici Choir: 7pm, Tickets £8 or £5 for school-age children. 01954 230077
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
November		
Thursday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 8	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	"Wildlife Among the Middle Level Waterways" Presented by Cliff Carson the Environmental Officer for the Middle Level Commissioners
Thursday 9	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 16	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 17	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 6pm - 9pm at Swavesey Village College. Preview Reception tickets £5
Saturday 18	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 5pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
Sunday 19	Open Art	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 5pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
Thursday 23	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 30	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
December		
Saturday 2	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre: angels and stars display, craft stalls, refreshments and children's activities. 10am – 4pm, 01954 230971
Sunday 3	St Andrews Church	Angel and Star Festival: angels and stars display, refreshments and children's activities. 2 – 4pm, 01954 230971
Sunday 3	St Andrews Church	Christingle Service 4:30pm
Thursday 7	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only

CLUB REPORTS

IN FULL SWING AGAIN

In your last magazine we were not able to tell you of our 2017/18 programme as it was still being arranged, though we did promise you plenty of interesting evenings to come. Now we are back in house, well into our Autumn Programme, and unless you came to our Welcome Evening you will still not know of our plans. As usual these include lectures, competitions, workshops, social events and outings so this is an attempt to fill in the gaps and, hopefully, your diaries too as non-members are always welcome to come along any evening for a small fee, especially now the long winter evenings are upon us. Many of our lectures will be of interest to a wider public; posters will be put up if we consider you might enjoy them too.

Are there any Heavy Metal fans out there? If so you shouldn't miss Ian Johnson's Audio-visual show on 5th October. This helped us win The Felicity Bickley Trophy last year with his exciting presentation of the Rambling Man Fair.

And now for something completely different, a must for all you keen bird-watchers on 19th October; Professor Thomas Hanahoe has combined an illustrious career as a University Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of an NHS Hospital Trust with his dedication to gain the highest qualifications in the Royal Photographic Society. His Fellowship submission was on British Birds, their behaviour and habitat.

Many of us have a keen interest in Antarctica; on 23rd November there is a good opportunity to learn more from one of our own members, Jon Watkins, who worked for many years with the British Antarctic Survey as a marine ecologist.

Back to more specialised Camera Club interests, our first workshop is on 2nd November. This will concentrate on Post-processing of digital images when we shall be shown examples of the much wider range of software now available.

This term we have three competitions: first on 12th October is the 'Annual Projected Image Competition', followed on 9th November by the 'Monochrome Trophy'. Both of these are hard fought. Our first Set Subject competition will be on 30th November, and the topic is 'Earth, Wind and Fire'. This is reputedly more casual than the previous two competitions but it is always astonishing to see the effort and imagination that goes into achieving an image that fits the bill in the most original way.

Our last SCC News might have given you the opinion that our Club was all play, this time it seems all work. To reassure you, over half term when the College is closed, we have planned an exciting outing to Lackford Lakes. This Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserve is highly recommended, and even has a gift shop and refreshments (No entrance fee, by donation only). By then we will almost have reached our Christmas event, the Presidents Evening, but more on that next time.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Hale Road Allotments

Students help out again at Hale Road allotments

As an original allotmenteer from October 2012 and this now being the end of year 5 I am still enjoying every minute. Originally I was not a very avid gardener and like most people was happy to cut my lawn once a week and would buy all my veg from a supermarket and occasionally the outdoor market.

The 5 years have been very interesting and a very steep learning curve in how to manage an allotment and plan what to grow each year. Once I thought I had it sorted something would catch you out, last year for example was a bad year for potato blight and I never knew what potato blight was until then. This year we had a very early warm spell, surely this is what is needed we all thought, planting went ahead as usual and things were going well until a frost hit us and my lovely apple trees were scorched hard and after the early promise I lost a lot of fruit. Others on the allotment were also hit by the frost and some plants suffered, from early-planted runner beans to gooseberries.

However all was not lost, my potatoes performed well and I have some of the largest, high quality cabbages in the country, as confirmed by our knowledgeable Chairman. Onions did well on my plot but others seemed to be struggling. I thought I had some nice cauliflowers but I cannot seem to get them harvested soon enough, last week they were looking like the real thing and a few days later they have bolted, not run away but gone to seed. This is a known difficulty with cauliflowers and the only remedy seems to be frequent successional sowing/planting.

One of the nice things about the allotment is the chance to see some of the younger children helping mums and dads and grandad in my case. Eliza was nearly in tears when she saw the result of planting lettuce seeds and how they actually have grown into some really nice Iceberg lettuce. I will add she did enjoy picking the strawberries a lot more, one for you one for me: yum yum!

As in 2016, Yr 7 and Yr 8 students from Swavesey Village College again carried out helpful and necessary tasks on the allotment site during July this year. Guided by and managed by teachers and assistants, who readily lead by enthusiastic example, we benefited from the labours of 7 students on Tuesday, 14 on Wednesday and 6 on Thursday. With rain forecast later in the day the Tuesday group set a cracking pace for the others to follow and worked hard until 1.45 p.m. when the rain arrived and sent them walking smartly back to SVC. The marathon task stretching over 3 days was to spread Atlas Tree Surgery woodchip by wheelbarrow convoy from the car park onto internal paths within and between plots to both control weeds and to make the plots look prettier. The Thursday group excelled at this task and just managed to clear the heap of woodchip by the end of the day. On the Wednesday morning one group of students worked like lumberjacks and in well under 2 hours they shifted 3 tonnes of gravel, in yet more wheelbarrows, out to long stretches of drainage channels to level out the sunken brick rubble trenches, thereby removing the risk of injury

by tripping. Additionally, using four push-along fertiliser spreaders our wide main grass tracks were treated with a proprietary fertiliser/herbicide product, helping to maintain good walking conditions throughout the site. Finally, a pre-fabricated wooden compound was constructed, involving significant muscle to drive the supporting posts into the hard ground. This structure will store livestock manure and AmeyCespa compost at the far end of the site.

These were four important tasks which bring significant and lasting benefit to Hale Road allotment site and we are very grateful to the helpful students and staff of SVC. We look forward to working with them again next year when we might ask them to paint some of our sheds. With over 30 sheds on site it could rival painting the Forth Bridge as a never-ending task.

In mid-September we held a weekend sale of produce on the allotments car park when villagers were able to call in and purchase produce fresh from the ground or from the growing plant. We were able to go out and collect potatoes, runner beans, beetroot, cabbages, marrows, tomatoes, swedes, carrots, raspberries and the occasional early crop of leeks and parsnips. There were bunches of sunflowers plus lots of jam, pickles and chutneys available and visitors were able to walk round the site in the sunshine.

This is a report from someone who had no idea about allotments beforehand and is still learning the hard way but it is great fun.
Martin, plot 17

Swavesey Community Choir

If you have always enjoyed singing,

Then Swavesey Community Choir would love you to join them!

We welcome everyone, whether you just enjoy singing in the car or have years of experience.

We meet every Wednesday evening (during term time) at Swavesey Village College.

Starting from 13th September at 7.30pm.
Feel free to "come and try us out" anytime!

Please use the contact details below for more information:

Email: swavesey.community.choir@gmail.com

Website: http://www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk/

Singing and Smiles is what we are all about!

Swavesey Spartans FC

Leadership. The new season sees a new chairman and a new treasurer at the Spartans helm, whilst the long serving secretary is rumoured to be entering the final leg of his tenure. Dave Morrison is now the chairman following in the footsteps of illustrious recent names such as Dawson and Tait. The person controlling the purse strings is now Rob Sprawson, with Dave Rudderham entering his final season as secretary. Contact details are in the club information section of this Meridian.

Ethos. Spartans are conscious that we are more likely to be successful in the development of young adults than we are in developing professional footballers, although achieving both would be great. A change in key personnel does not change the clubs values. TREE (Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Excellence) which all of our players, coaches and parents buy into remains at the heart of the club ethos. Please look at www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk for more information about the club and if you have something to offer the club or spot something that needs improving please get in touch.

2017/18. As you read this article the nights are drawing in and the 2017/18 football season is in full flow. Swavesey Spartans aim to provide football opportunities for all in a fun and safe environment within the framework imposed on all affiliated clubs by the Football Association. This season Spartans have an Under 7 (school year 2) team squad taking their first steps in the Cambridge shire FA Mini League. An exciting time for the players, their families and the coaches as they play in organised 5 a side matches of 40 minutes duration. The club now runs teams in most age groups of the local youth football spectrum, including the girls only competitions. Our oldest players are sixth form students, the majority of whom attended Swavesey Village College. Due to the need to accommodate nearly 300 players home games are played on Swavesey Green and at the College as well as on pitches in Fen Drayton and Elsworth. Spartans are an FA Chartered Standard Club with all the coaches being trained to at least FA Level One standard as well as having the necessary governance checks in place. The FA have appointed coaching mentors to support local clubs this season. Our coaches can now seek advice from our mentor with the club welcoming the Bar Hill based former Southern League referee Jairo Marin as our 2017/18 advisor. The next intake of players are children in school year one, if your child is in that school year and wants to join the Spartans family please get in touch using the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian (if you are interested in helping the club there is an opportunity for the parents too....) Football knowledge is not essential, in fact it is sometimes surprising what "experienced" football folk do not know in reality! A chat is not a commitment and we also welcome support from suitable adults without children who want to help move the club forward. Likewise sponsors are always needed especially from local businesses. The scale of investment from you in time or funding can be tailored to meet your needs as well as ours; please get in touch if you want to help.

How we operate. We have boys and girls teams entered in local leagues and we have players who only want to train. Fees start at £55 for the season and the most expensive fees are currently £100. The fees cover astro turf fees, club insurance and mandatory costs that the club needs to comply with including ensuring we remain FA Chartered. Our players are eligible for any offers that come our way from Cambridge United - free tickets or discounted soccer schools are the norm. We train on grass up until 30 Sep and after Easter. During the period in between it is one hour midweek on Astroturf. We normally train until sometime in May when our links to Over Cricket Club help keep our players busy during the summer. We have our annual club celebration on Fathers Day in June where we have an intra club day on Swavesey Green, in 2018 it is likely to be part of the bi-annual Swavesey Festival again. Each player receives a memento every year and league teams have a most improved player as well as players and manager annual awards. Each team plays around 20 league games and from under 9 they have an annual cup to play for.

Referees. We are keen to develop aspiring referees and need to supply referees for our mini league home games. You need to be at least 14 years old and will get supported through training and ongoing mentoring from club resources. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking up the whistle even if you have no other association with the club.

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary

Oct. 9th Harvest Supper

Nov.13th Story Teller - Tales from the Fens by Marion Leeper.

Dec.11th Circus Workshop by Cambridge Community Circus

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The W.I. plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and of course to make new friendships and to feel part of their communities.

At Swavesey W.I. there is a big welcome to anyone interested in joining us. We have a varied programme and many groups that provide interest.

In August members enjoyed their Garden Party at The Windmill venue and were entertained by the very talented and amusing "The Pulsatillas". A great social evening.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visit the Memorial Hall Noticeboard, which is kept up to date with all our news.. On the second Thursday of the month you will find us at The Compass Cafe in the Bethel Chapel serving fresh coffee and homemade cakes.

At our August meeting, our President Fiona Ross paid tribute to our member Margo Carter who passed away very suddenly in July this year. Margo was a keen committee member who setup our webpage and facebook page. She joined in with everything with great enthusiasm. Margo will be sadly missed by all her friends at Swavesey W.I.

If you would like more information about any of our meetings,
please ring Deirdre 01954 230897

www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk
www.facebook.com/Swavesey-Womens-Institute-611198178977768/

giving nature a home

What's been happening

This summer we have been busily adding the final touches to our new viewing shelter based at Ferry lagoon. This new seasonal trail and shelter will give visitors a new perspective over the largest lake on the reserve. So far visitors have had good views of common terns feeding their young and a host of wading birds including lapwing, redshank and dunlin.

As we move into the autumn and start of winter we will begin tackling willow encroachment on the reserve and start cutting view points to allow people to discover the wildlife which calls Fen Drayton Lakes home.

Wildlife

This year the reserve has been absolutely buzzing with warblers, with at least 10 species breeding on the reserve. One such species, the Cetti's warbler, has had another fantastic year, with 22 territories recorded across the whole reserve. Common terns once again returned, with 44 pairs settling down to nest on the tern rafts at Moore Lake and Ferry Lagoon.

As the weather starts to change we will see a turnover in birds on the reserve. Our summer migrants such as reed warblers, swallows and common terns will begin to depart and be replaced by winter arrivals such as goldeneye, smew, redwing and fieldfare.

The merge of summer into autumn and then into winter is a great time of year to get out and see what birds are about, as you never know what you may see.

Please do email me at luke.wake@rspb.org.uk if you have any interesting sightings from RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes.

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Phone 01954 233260

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2018

Registered Charity 1128778

SAVE THE DATES: Swavesey Festival 2018; 30th JUNE – 8th JULY.

GALA DAY ON THE GREEN 7TH JULY.

Yes yes I know it's still nearly a year away but planning for the the 2018 Swavesey Festival is well underway. Please make a note of the dates and make sure you don't book your holidays then and miss the fun. The theme for the next festival will be "Swavesey through the Ages".

You can follow the festival on facebook. The new website at Swaveseyfestival.org.uk should be up and running within the next few weeks. You will be able to see pictures from the 2016 festival there and events for the 2018 festival will be added as they are finalised. In the meantime look out for Swavesey Festival Fundraiser events. The next one is the Windmill Weekender- a festival of music featuring several bands on 15th and 16th September. Then on Saturday 14th October, back by very popular demand is the Oompah Night with the Bierkeller Schunklers at the Windmill. Book early for this one- numbers are limited and we sold out very quickly last time. Tickets for both events via The Windmill (01954)232247.

We are always looking for help and new ideas so if you have an idea for an event you would like to run or sponsor please contact us. The festival committee can give help with finding venues, publicity and other support. If you have ideas or want to get involved please contact me on simonshore99@gmail.com.

Simon Shore
Swavesey Festival Committee.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	July 2017	August 2017
First prize	60	D Rata	Shirley Smith
Second prize	30	H Reece	Derek Shaw
Third prize	15	J Burgess	Sam Dellar

VILLAGE NEWS

Prestige Award for Rosegate Farm in Swavesey

On Thursday 3 August at the Cambridge Food & Drink Awards event sponsored by Cambridge News, Rosegate Farm Butchery, managed by David Baker, was named as the 2017 Food/Drinks Producer of the Year. This is a major achievement and one of our senior reporters went along to discover some background to the success.

After returning from University David started to learn about managing livestock on a dairy farm near Swindon before widening his experience by moving abroad to a dairy farm in New Zealand for six months. While in NZ he developed his business plan which involved linking in with his father's established retail business of mainly selling strawberries, by expanding it to include a livestock products retail business.

Within days of returning home in May 2010 he purchased five pigs which, although only a few weeks old, caused a dreadful stink in the boot of the car when collected. These were fenced in using a few straw bales and a tarpaulin. A message was placed in the strawberry sales hut asking customers to leave their phone number if interested in buying local pork and by the end of summer about sixty potential customers were available. In late September the pork was ready to be marketed so the phone calls were made, the strawberry cold store was filled with pork and within two days the output from all five pigs was gone. That was the only market research done and the business was off to a good start.

Pigs were purchased more regularly thereafter so that every six weeks between 5 and 10 were killed and cut into the main, large joints at an abattoir. Over the following winter it was decided to expand into beef so four young Hereford heifers (females) were purchased from a farmer in Over, intended to be grown on for meat but instead they were put into calf and that started the cattle herd at Rosegate Farm. All four mothers are still there today. Soon after that two steers (males) were brought in, fattened and the first beef was available for sale in summer 2011. The business now breeds its own pigs, cattle and sheep, satisfying 90% of the demand. Where an additional mature animal is needed to cope with demand during busy periods it is always sourced locally and David always inspects it on the farm before purchase. Chickens are brought in from not far over the border in Suffolk and free-range bronze turkeys are obtained from a premier producer at Broughton, just beyond St Ives. Thus the meat sold at Rosegate Farm is sourced locally and all livestock have been raised under known and approved, high standard conditions.

Animal welfare is of major importance. Indeed, the main driver of the business is to produce quality meat from animals and birds which have been raised under comfortable, well-fed, well-housed conditions throughout every stage of their lives. Much effort on the home farm and on suppliers' farms goes into keeping livestock happy by avoiding any form of stress and the resulting well cared for animals produce the best quality meat.

When the business first started in 2010 they were selling pork every six weeks but gradually the number of selling weeks increased until about two years ago they were able to open

every week and now in 2017 they sell the three main meats of pork, beef and lamb almost every week. The business is always on the lookout to build its offer and is currently considering expanding into cured meats such as dry-cured ham, hopefully by the end of 2018. That would require expansion of the current premises with dedicated preparation and storage areas needed for the diversification.

This is very much a family business with David's Dad, Ben and Sister in Law Abby both taking a keen interest in its wellbeing and playing a major part in its continued success. Abby is well known to customers because she sends out e-mails as well as dealing with the office administration, including checking that the many essentials from polybags to pepper are in stock while Ben calmly sorts numerous outside tasks which efficiently keep a regular supply of livestock available each week.

Each Christmas the sales have been bigger than the year before and this Christmas, once again, they will have dry-cured Christmas gammons for sale as well as free range turkeys. There will be the usual home-produced beef, pork and lamb with ham smoked and sausages made on the premises plus bacon, burgers etc. Rosegate Farm Butchery is an important Swavesey business and looks set to grow in capability, capacity and importance over the foreseeable future.

Bacon and Butternut Squash Risotto (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients (serves 3 people)
1 packet of bacon.
2 leeks and/or 2 onions.
4 garlic cloves.
9 oz risotto rice.
14 oz (or ½ butternut squash approximately) cut into small pieces.
1 ½ pints of vegetable or chicken stock.
Salt and pepper to season.

Method
Fry bacon, onions (if using) and garlic for 2 or 3 minutes, add leeks, butternut squash and stir. Add rice and stock, cover and cook for 20-25 minutes until stock is absorbed and rice is tender. Add chopped chives and a little Parmesan, although Cheddar is good too.

Swavesey Cider Festival 2017

After a whole lot of months in the planning, the day finally arrived for the launch of Swavesey's second cider festival.

A few things had changed from the inaugural event – we'd moved the date from a chilly and damp October to a rather less chilly but still at times damp July. The event had been extended to four days from the three the previous year and this year we had also been much more adventurous with our choices of alcoholic refreshment.

We had 18 ciders available on the opening evening with a couple of perries thrown in for good measure – all of these drinks came from within a region of less than 20 miles of the pavilion – the quality of the ciders speaks volumes for our local producers. Some of the fruit even hailed from orchards in Over – you can't get much closer than that!

Somethings didn't change though, the pork pies were back and we still had a variety of wines available for those that didn't fancy going down the cider/perry route.

Thursday 20th July was the date we opened our doors, more as a tester than anything, however the response from our wonderful villagers took us by surprise and we had a busy evening – one cider had already sold out – Ludicrous Soup (Lunatic Soup was its correct name but due to a typographical error it was promoted as Ludicrous – that was my fault) but it obviously mattered not.

Friday coincided with the last day of school term for the primary school, so with the weather fine, the green was full of mums and dads enjoying the sunshine along with their offspring – it didn't take long for them (the parents) to realise something was occurring at the pavilion, we were swamped for the whole evening.

Using local suppliers has a distinct advantage; we were able to get another supply of Ludicrous Lunatic Soup in place by 7pm that evening, fortunately the producer stayed on site, and before he left, we'd ran out again and re-ordered even more for the weekend! Friday was absolutely manic – we took more in that evening than we had for the whole of the first festival.

Unfortunately the weather then turned for the weekend and it was a much damper second half of the festival – this did not deter our local community though, come Sunday evening – despite the inclement weather – we had sold every drop!

All of the drink and food was sponsored by local companies or organisations; we would like to use this opportunity to publicly thank each and every one of you.

The festival is run to help generate funds to enable us to maintain the pavilion to a good condition, with this level of support we will now be able to carry out some repairs that we previously have had to put on hold.

During the event we had voting slips in place for drinkers to select their favourite drink – Lunatic Soup from SO Cider was a clear winner – which was ludicrous (did you see what I did there?) – Well done to Simon Doyle, the producer – who lives in nearby Impington – it really was a wonderful drop.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the contributions of a small but dedicated team, so in no particular order thanks go to: Mark & Sue Squires; Mike Orbell; Baz and Katie Stevens; Alan Stanley, Gary Peet and Darren Bucknall. I'd also like to thank Ben Squires for making a real family event by providing the live music on Sunday afternoon that entertained the patrons once the rain stopped.

The event demonstrated that we are very fortunate in this area to have such a plethora of excellent cider and perry makers at our disposal.

Next year we will be back for the third festival – you never know we may have a special batch of Swavesey cider to sell. Get the date in your diary Thursday 19th July until Sunday 22nd July.

Our suppliers were: - SO Cider; Simon's Cider; Spinney Abbey; Cambridge Cider Company; Duxford Scrumpy Company; Cromwell's; Harding's Cider and Cam Valley Orchards – You really should check them out! Cheers…

Jerry Ladell

Thanks to Swavesey from 41 Gibraltar Lane

We want to apologise to everyone for the inconvenience that our building works have caused. And thank you for stoically putting up with having to get past all our builders vans. Thank you so much to our three neighbours who offered their drives and forecourts to us and even one to our builders. And thank you to all those friends who offered tea, coffee and shelter when we were without heating or water or anywhere to sit even. Also for invites to our grandsons to play when their garden was a builders no go area.

We understand that there has been, not surprisingly, a little curiosity as what has been going on. The house has been completely remodelled into a modern open plan house. We have three generations living in it. One of the first things to be done was to turn a huge dining room into a bedroom, study and, by taking some of the hall, a shower room. This meant that my husband Eddy, who has difficulty with stairs, could live downstairs. We have two kitchens now although my daughter, Chris, and I cooked comfortably in the same kitchen for two years. Mind you I hated the old kitchen so much that I kept on ripping bits of trim off it!

We ought, also, to thank C.D.Hood, our builder, and the sub-contractors, for turning up every day and coping with all the little changes that were made to the plans along the way.

The garden will be sorted in September to include a patio and pond. So apologies for any further inconvenience but we hope to open the garden, along with other Swavesey gardens, next year. It'll be a garden in progress though. So we look forward to seeing you all next year weather permitting.

Thanks again and for all the friendship shown to us, as newcomers. What a brilliant village.
Viki Letzer

ALL CHANGE!

We have a new advertising manager as from the start of September. Katrina - who took over earlier in the year has had to step down and we would like to thank her for her work.

Her place has been taken by Terry Schwarz
Phone 07802 292795.
Email adverts@swaveseymeridian.org.uk
Welcome to the team Terry.
Editor

Remember your library as
The evenings draw in,
Books for all ages.
Come and join us in
The Village College

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
Jacqui Fuller	230774	Sue Jones	230650
John Pook	230978	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Free event in Swavesey Tuesday 10th October for Community Groups, clubs or charities

- ***Could you use some extra funds?***
- ***Do you want guidance on compliance with charity law?***

We are a charity set up to offer advice and support to community groups. We are hosting a FREE 2-part event at Swavesey Memorial Hall on 10th October. You can book to attend both or just one part.

Part 1: 4pm to 6pm Duties of trustees training

To help committee members/ trustees better understand their role and responsibilities under charity law. For those interested in being a trustee, new trustees or those looking for a refresher.

6.00pm to 6.30pm refreshments & networking

Part 2: 6.30pm to 8pm Guidance on fundraising

This is a chance to hear speakers from funding organisations outline what they will fund and what they look for in applications plus the chance to ask questions.

To Book or contact us call 01223 464696 or email enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk

Want to improve your local community? CCVS can help!

At CCVS, we help people with great community ideas make things happen. We give advice on setting up groups, managing activities, organising volunteers and seeking funding. We also help more established groups with all aspects of governance, fundraising and management.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Event funder

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(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
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Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

FERTILITY FAYRE TO TAKE PLACE IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE ON SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER TO MARK FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

Bourn Hall Clinic is hosting its second Fertility Fayre on Saturday 4 November at its historic Cambridge clinic to coincide with Fertility Awareness Week.

The event is aimed at people wanting to know more about how to give themselves the best chance of getting pregnant and there will be a range of wellbeing advice on offer as well as medical advice on aspects of fertility and treatment.

Stalls will include exhibitors from Access Fertility, Lotus Reflexology, Camquit, Genesis Genetics, Proxeed and Weight Watchers. Bourn Hall's own experts will be on hand to explain about the common causes of infertility and what fertility health and wellbeing tests can tell you about your own reproductive health.

The event follows on from Bourn Hall's first Fertility Fayre held last year which received very positive feedback. Visitors reported that they appreciated the relaxed and informal atmosphere which allowed them the opportunity to spend time talking to a range of health support groups, therapists and fertility experts.

This year's event is entirely free of charge and will run from 10am to 3pm at Bourn Hall Clinic, Bourn CB23 2TN. There is plenty of free parking on site.

For more information go to www.bournhall.co.uk

Swavesey Surgery News

Website address : www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

You can use our website to;
register as a new patient, find our opening times, order repeat medications, book doctors' appointments, and much more…….

Vaccine shortages – Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B

Please be aware that there is currently a national shortage of both Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccinations which may continue until early 2018. The vaccine will be given to individuals who are assessed as being at the highest and most immediate risk and will affect the new programme being introduced for babies to receive Hep B. You may be offered an alternative vaccination.

Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to Mrs Hucklesby for the very generous donation in memory of her husband Graham Hucklesby, enabling us to purchase two new examination lights, one for Dr Jain and the other for the nurses room, also to the Hartford Bridge Club and those sent to Willingham Funeral Service for their kind donations towards the purchase of a paediatric pulse oximeter in memory of Mr Kenneth Firth.

We are also very grateful for all your support through book purchases and donations.

Other items that have been purchased recently include a new table and chairs for the children in the waiting room and a support handrail by the examination couch in Dr Jain's room.

Flu Season

Its nearly flu season again…

Flu vaccines will be available from the end of September so please make sure that you book your appointment. We will also be holding a Saturday morning flu clinic, details will be made available closer to the time.

If you are unsure of whether you are eligible please ask.

Children – This year we will be vaccinating the children aged 2-3 years with the Fluenz nasal vaccine. If your child is older this will routinely be carried out at school.

Shingles

All patients eligible to receive a shingles vaccination will be contacted and invited

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets
Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning?
Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
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http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

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Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Informal learning can at its best transform people's lives. Whether it's personal fulfilment, keeping active and independent, gaining increased confidence or opening a door to further opportunities, informal learning contributes hugely to the health and well-being of individuals and wider society. Here at Swavesey Village College we offer a wide variety of different courses, come and join us for the autumn term.

You can help with the cost of someone's special day with our Affordable Wedding Floristry course - First Class FREE

Learn to play the guitar or banjo in our absolute beginners' classes.

Study how to communicate better with people who have hearing impairment with our Introduction to British Sign Language course.

New languages for the new term: Mandarin and Latin - all for beginners.

Active classes available include Aerobics, Fitsteps, Zumba or Contemporary Dance.

Discover new cooking skills with our Curry in a Hurry course, Chinese cookery or Flour Power! Best of Bread Making.

Saturday workshops will be running in November including Harmonica, Reiki & One Day First Aid and many more....

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.

Vicky *(Left)* & Lara *(Right)*

SWAVESEY GUIDE EARNS ALL 41 INTEREST BADGES

Having completed the Baden-Powell Challenge Award, the highest award a Guide can achieve, last November, Lara Hagger set herself the challenge to complete all 41 of the Guide interest badges whilst waiting for the new Senior Section in Swavesey to open, and during her final session at Guides was awarded the last 5 badges.

Lara had a variety of people to test her on all the badges, which range from Camper to Chocolate, Interpreter to Independent Living and Party Planner to Personal Safety. Some badges have been earnt alongside the Guides in her unit such as First Aid and Fire Safety, some achieved working with a small group of friends such as Survival and Science Investigator, but mostly on her own. Lara has called on teachers and club instructors to test her, as well as other Guiding leaders and family friends, but the toughest tester of all was her friend, Vicky, who tested her on the Team Player badge

Lara says, "The first badge I earned was Camper; the most fun was World Guiding and the most challenging was Circus Skills."

Having tested Lara on a few of the badges, I know that she sets her standards very high and puts all she has into these badges; she is an amazing young lady. The badge that I had the most fun testing was the Cook's badge, when Lara fed both our families a mouthwatering meal. The Confectioner's badge was great to test too, as it involved making and eating many different sweets- such as Millionaire's Shortbread!

If your daughter is interested in joining Girlguiding, please register her interest here: www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Adults can also get involved; use the same link if you are interested in helping to run Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Swavesey.

Village College Students Experience Week in Swavesey

The week of 10-14 July saw a number of groups of Village College students out in our community helping with conservation and community projects. This was the second year of this initiative through the College and has again proved to be a huge success. The projects completed this year included conservation work around Moat Way pond, vegetation clearing and tidying up in Constable's Rood Wildlife garden, painting of car park posts at the Memorial Hal, various tasks around the Allotment Site in Hale Road (see separate allotment article) and gardening work in St Andrew's Churchyard.

Moat Way Pond

For two days two groups of approx. 12 students built bug hotels and a newt hibernaculum. Moat Way pond has one of the largest colonies of Gt Crested Newts in the village, which are a protected species. Using broken bricks, terracotta pots and pipes, straw, logs, cones, pallets and many other waste materials, the students constructed two large bug hotels and an area for the newts to over-winter. Students sawed up and drilled holes into logs, filled up pallets with all manner of materials and hopefully enjoyed two days in the outdoors rather than the classroom.

Constable's Rood Wildlife Garden

This quarter acre of land on the corner of Hale Rd and Mow Fen Drove used to be given to the Village Constable for growing vegetables. Today it is a Community Wildlife Garden, full of wildflowers and shrubs with a small pathway and seating area. Students cleared overgrown vegetation and weeds.

Memorial Hall Car Park

On the first day of the Experience Week a small group of students worked to smarten up the white posts at the back of the Hall car park. They rubbed down the rusting metal poles then repainted them with white paint. A job which has been needed for some time and the Hall Trustees thank the students for their time in doing this.

Hale Road Allotment Site

On the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in total 26 students visited the allotment site along Hale Road to carry out some general maintenance work on the public areas around the allotment plots. Following a very successful project here last year, the allotment association was keen to have the students help again. They spread woodchip on narrow pathways in and around the plots, spread fertiliser/herbicide product on the main grass tracks and spread gravel in the sunken drainage channels to minimise trip hazard, plus assembled a wooden compound to store bulky organic manures at the far north end of the site. Another very successful project.

St Andrew's Churchyard

For two days up to 25 students worked on a number of improvement tasks in the Church, Churchyard and Sunday school building. We set an ambitious plan involving 15 separate tasks which we introduced to the students and staff on the first day. After allocating jobs, equipping students with protective clothing and tools we dispersed to the various work areas. Tasks included a complete redecoration of the Sunday school, cleaning the war memorial, painting the front and side gates, clearing ivy off the back wall and numerous gravestones, stripping moss off the boiler roof and a complete clearance of the north west and north east areas of the churchyard. A huge thanks goes to the students and staff who tackled the tasks with enthusiasm and dedication to complete all tasks. We hope it was also good fun with the music and frequent refreshment breaks. All can feel proud of their achievements and the difference to the church and village is there for all to see.

Thank you to all of the students and teachers who were involved in this year's projects.
It is wonderful to have this kind of help and support for community areas in the village and is also a really good way to work with the students and for them to experience what is required to keep many areas of the village maintained and that all of these places and activities are managed and maintained on a voluntary basis.

Daisy Loveland. A Swavesey Childhood, 1880 to 1896.

Part 5 of 5. Daisy reluctantly leaves Swavesey.

Daisy was born in Swavesey in 1880 at London House which is now the Costcutter Store. Much against her wishes, she had to leave with her family when she was 16 years old. She never forgot her very happy childhood years in the village. By 1963, as Mrs Daisy Peters, she was 83 years old and living in Barnstaple in Devon. Her son Bernard recognised that she still had enormously fond and clear memories of her early life in Swavesey and he persuaded her to tell her story, which she set down in a beautifully handwritten document. Because she remembered so much, her style is rather abrupt in order to cover the maximum number of topics and to cram as many facts as possible into each paragraph with the minimum of padding. As a result, her story comes to a sudden end. Readers will be sad to lose her.

Pocket money I cannot remember – but we must have had some as we bought liquorice allsorts and laces, aniseed balls and packets of sherbet (a halfpenny) from a small shop in another part of the village. We also collected fireworks for November 5th. We had a glorious time with a bonfire in a wheelwright's orchard so there were plenty of shavings and tarred ropes to light the crackers.

Village people are all so friendly and I never heard any complaint among the very poor. Some days in summer a party of us would walk a long way to the River Ouse, through lanes and fields and over the railway line where there was a gatehouse. We knew the people there and they would tell us if it was safe to cross. We took a kettle and plenty of food. Our fire was made of twigs and dried cow manure - wonderful fuel this. Water we got from the river and I remember that the tea tasted reedy and smokey but this we did not mind. One day, when having tea, someone spotted a snake going under my dress. My Goodness! What a scare. No doubt we felt it was as dangerous as a cobra from the zoo but it was only a simple grass snake and it was as frightened as we were I guess.

Another day out was at a farm fishing in a large pond for tiddlers and newts with a piece of string and a bent pin. At the farm was a wonderful mangle – it needed a shed to itself. It was a huge long box or case with the body filled with heavy stones. A handle that moved along on rollers worked this. The clothes were all laid out, nicely folded on the under boards and backwards and forwards went the heavy weight. The girls could not come out to play on mangling day until all was done so we all lent a hand. We helped also with the cutting of wurzels and swedes for the cattle.

The old aunt of mother's mentioned earlier often invited one or two of us to dinner. She would have a piece of pork roasted in front of the fire hanging from a nice brass gadget. The Yorkshire pudding to precede it was sent to a nearby bakers. We all enjoyed the novelty of this, but stewed rhubarb was the second course. We hated this but were told that it was so good for our bowels. When there was no rhubarb we had stewed prunes. Apples were plentiful in her large garden but only the over-ripe ones were best for us. These were trimmed and put on our plates. On Sundays we often called in after morning service with

Father and he took us down the garden and gave the trees a good shake so we had really fresh crispy ones. I cannot remember him having any blame for this. Her house was full of old things, among them a four-poster bed with curtains all round. It was pointed out to us the Reverend Charles Haddon Spurgeon of the London Tabernacle had slept in it when in that district. Even today his name is widely remembered and great work is going on at the new Tabernacle (1963).

The water supply in the village was mainly from a well or the village pumps. One pump was very close by and the man or someone fetched the water wearing a yoke with two pails attached. Rainwater was collected from the house roof in huge barrels and it was used for washing and for scrubbing down the yard etc. There was a weekly carrier's cart to Cambridge which passed our house and seemed always to be full up, but I never remember any of us going in it.

In 1896 our lives commenced a new episode – we were moving to Kingston-upon Thames. No doubt Father felt that village life had not enough as we were all growing up. Through an uncle, a commercial traveller, he heard of the business, now still flourishing, at 52 Richmond Road. I was upset and could not fit in with town life – everyone a stranger – noisy horse drawn buses and no one to say "hello". I fretted so much that I had to return to Swavesey for a time until Father found a business I could be interested in (not grocery) and eventually I was apprenticed to Mappin and Webb's branch shop – high class leather goods etc. at Kingston-upon-Thames.

Cambridge Open Art Exhibition

Established as one of the major art events of the year, the Cambridge Open Art Exhibition returns to Swavesey Village College from 17th-19th November 2017. With something for everyone - traditional and contemporary paintings, prints, crafts and cards to buy, creative activities for children and a "win-a-picture" competition.

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition is non-selective. Artists from across the region are invited to enter and there is no commission on any of the artworks sold.

The exhibition previews on Friday 17th November at 6.30pm and will be opened by Dr. Catherine Burke, Reader in History and Childhood Education, University of Cambridge.

Exhibitors are entered in to the Cambridge Arts Award judged by John McGill, Sculptor; Sheila Ceccarelli, Co-Founder and Director of Access Art; and Alastair Hull from Haddenham Galleries with prizes kindly donated from HMC Framing, Milton. The judging panel also select the 'Top Twenty' artists who then go forward to a pre-Christmas show at Haddenham Galleries.

Tickets for the Preview Reception are only £5 and available from the Swavesey Village College box office from Monday 23rd October 2017
or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaveseyvc

Entry is free on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November. Ample parking available.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Quinn at info@coax.org.uk

Passchendaele – Swavesey men remembered

Men connected to Swavesey were involved in the First World War third Ypres battle, now known as Passchendaele, which lasted from July 31st 1917 to November 6th 1917. Three men made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives, others no doubt were affected for the rest of their lives by their experiences in that terrible battle. The following is based on extracts from the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper of that year.

James Harold Parish, a private in The Queen's Own (West Kent Regiment) 11th Battalion, died on the 1st August 1917 aged 36, and is buried in Bedford House Cemetery in Belgium. The confused nature of the battle means that there is a report in the newspaper about his wounding, but no report of death.

WOUNDED. 31st August 1917. Mr. David Parish, Boxworth End, has been officially informed that his son, Pte. James H. Parish, Royal West Kent Regt., was wounded on 1st August. No further tidings of him have been received and neither the nature of his injury nor the hospital at which he is under treatment is known.

The existence of a grave for James Harold Parish would mean that his burial was noted and not disturbed by further events in the course of the battle.

Samuel John Froment, a private in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) 10th Battalion died on the 5th August 1917 aged 28, and is commemorated on the wall of the Menin Gate, Ypres. Sam Froment was a noted cricketer in the Swavesey team in those years. A report from him at the front was published in the newspaper in August.

A CRICKETER'S LETTER. 10th Aug. 1917. Writing on 30th July to our Swavesey representative from "Somewhere in France", Pte. S. J. Froment, the Queen's (R.W. Surrey) Regiment, says:- "We are resting behind the line. We had a cricket match the other day, and had a band playing, but it was our big guns playing on the Germans. I hope I shall be able to bowl as many Germans as I have taken wickets in my time, and then I think the war would soon be over. We have 'declared' and put them in and we will soon have them all out. We are still winning. I receive the 'Cambs. Weekly News' every week, and it is good to know all the news from home. We have had a lot of rain the last few days, so it is very nice to sleep in the mud – I don't think.

As people were reading this letter on the 10th Aug, Samuel Froment had been killed five days before.

THE LATE PTE. S. J. FROMENT. 31st Aug 1917. The following letter has been received by the widow of Pte. S. J. Froment, the Queen's, from an officer of his company: "It is with extreme sorrow that I have to inform you that your husband, Pte. S. J. Froment, was killed in action on 5th August while doing his duty. He had not been with the company very long, but it was long enough to prove him a good and willing soldier, and his loss will be felt by all the company. He was killed instantaneously, and was buried within our lines."

Within the turmoil of the battle Sam Froment's grave was obviously lost as he is recorded on the Menin Gate among those who have no known grave.

Walter Metcalfe, a private in the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, 11th battalion has his date of death recorded as 20th September 1917 and is commemorated on the wall of Tyne Cot Cemetery in Belgium. No record of his death exists in the newspaper reports of the time, but a reference was made to the fact that he was missing.

MISSING. 19th Oct. 1917. Pte. Walter Metcalfe, R. W. Kent Regiment, has been reported missing since 20th September. Writing on the 9th inst. to Mr. Samuel Wilderspin, Pte. Metcalfe's grandfather, his platoon officer says: "It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that your grandson, Pte. Walter Metcalfe, has been reported to me as missing since the attack on September 20th. He is greatly missed by his comrades and by myself as his Platoon Commander, as he was of such a cheerful and willing disposition and courageous under the most trying circumstances. Both his comrades and myself are expecting his return any day now, and should I receive any news of him I shall be only too pleased to communicate with you at once." Pte. Metcalfe joined up on 13th May, 1916, went to France on the 13th October, was invalided home during the spring of this year, and returned to France in June. His younger brother, Pte. William Metcalfe, is expecting to be sent abroad any day.

Walter Metcalfe never did return and his name lies among the dead with no known grave at Tyne Cot Cemetery. He was only 20 years old at the time of his death. His younger brother survived the war.

Although these three soldiers were the only fatal casualties of the battle many more references could be found in the newspaper about the fate of other Swavesey men during that time.

The extracts given here are from the Cambridge Weekly News Independent Press & Chronicle which were printed and published in a book 'A Village during the Great War. Swavesey Cambridgeshire' by John Shepperson & Chris Richardson in 2009.

Chris Richardson

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

As you might expect the holiday period is over and South Cambs is gearing up to a very busy period. The new Chief Executive, Beverley Agass has taken up her post and is busy finding her way around the district. She visited Swavesey last week and I showed her all the key areas including the Byways, the drainage system, 37 Market Street and potential planning plots. She noted the problems with the surgery and lack of school facilities but was impressed with the village as a whole.

September is also a month when many of the pending planning permission come before the appeal inspector. The Parish Council is working hard to demonstrate the problems with infrastructure but I feel it is the difficulties the village will have in absorbing such large numbers which is the overwhelming issue.

The Council is working with the Parish Council to look at developing a travel Hub which would provide local transport between villages and enable better communication links via the Guided Bus. They will also look at providing much more secure bike facilities.

As Portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing I am developing a pick and mix scheme for Parish Councils of activities which can be used to reduce loneliness. There are so many examples of good practice in different villages and I want to enable others to use those examples and know the what, how and where to get that advice . If anybody wants to learn more please give me a ring or send me an email.

Anyway, if you need to contact me or need help with any issue please contact me via the usual numbers.

Sue Ellington

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Telephone 01954 202923

Public urged to help combat hare coursing

MEMBERS of the public are being urged to be the eyes and ears of the county's rural communities by reporting ongoing hare coursing incidents.

Fields across Cambridgeshire have been harvested and ploughed making them the perfect ground for the illegal blood sport. The hare coursing season traditionally begins in September and causes damage to crops, harms animal welfare and threatens the rural community. It can result in intimidation and even violence.

Last year (April 2016-March 2017) officers were called to 1,069 incidents of hare coursing, an increase of 44 per cent on the previous year (April 2015-March 2016 742 incidents).

Chief Inspector James Sutherland from the Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) said: "Hare coursing remains one of the biggest crimes to affect our rural communities between September and February, particularly in South Cambridgeshire, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland.

Housing Options for Older People

We are working with South Cambridgeshire District Council on an exciting 6-month pilot project which launched at the beginning of August in South Cambridgeshire – HOOP (Housing Options for Older People).

The project offers specialist housing advice and support to older people. The customer journey starts with a questionnaire asking older people (over 65s) about their home and how it suits them. This can be completed on line or via a leaflet. The answers are then used to put people in touch with local housing options (sheltered housing, extra care schemes), support services and community groups that can provide a mixture of practical support and advice - with the aim of helping people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing at an early stage.

This is only the second place in the Country the service has been localised, up until now HOOP has been a national tool. We want all people to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible and are committed to helping them to do that, therefore this pilot proposes more local solutions and suggests alternative independent housing opportunities and support to help people think through their housing options. It is hoped that if the pilot is successful, a full Cambridgeshire HOOP tool will be developed in 2018.

We are starting a programme of rolling comms to let people in South Cambs know about it – leaflets have been produced and dropped in a number of places in the district such as GP surgeries, libraries etc and I launched a targeted Facebook ad last week in Linton and Sawston.

An article will be going in the SCDC magazine next month to let the wider public know about it and over the next couple of months I will send out a media release and do some more social media.

Here is a link to the website https://hoop.eac.org.uk/

A14 Project News

For the latest information see their web page at:-
www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H

They have published a document about the work that is ongoing to minimise the impact to the local environment. See:-
www.gov.uk/government/news/biggest-road-upgrade-leads-the-way-on-environment

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News July August 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL
The Local Highways Improvement Project will add an additional 40mph restriction on Ramper Road, on the approach to the village from just before the double bends closest to the village, through to the 30mph section. Works should have taken place during early Sept (5th, 6th, 7th) to facilitate this.

Additional line marking and larger warning chevron signs will also be installed around the Uttons Drove bend, where vehicles regularly come off the road into the ditch.

The PC is putting together an LHI bid for the 2018-19 year for further safety improvements along Middle Watch-High Street around the School entrance.

Jetting tankers have been visiting the village to clear surface water drains in Boxworth End, Priory Ave and Over Road.

The PC is in discussion with the Primary School and County Council about the feasibility of providing a second entrance to the school site from the Recreation Green. This would help reduce the numbers of pupils having to use the front gate on the main road.

Notice has been received of the withdrawal of a number of Whippet bus services however the County Council will temporarily fund the services for the next few months whilst it considers how best to replace these services.

The Council has asked CCC and the A14 Team if a temporary HGV restriction could be provided for traffic through the village as many more HGVs have been noted travelling through from the A14. We are still in discussion regarding this.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Planning Enforcement Dept now has a drone for use in surveying and enforcement issues.

A new Chief Executive has now been appointed to South Cambs District Council.

The PC is in discussion with the SCDC Rural Travel Hub project, which is working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and CCC to look at how public transport links between villages and established transport routes can be improved.

Cllrs continue to attend regular Forums at SCDC to discuss current issues such as Planning, public transport and community facilities.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The PC is still trying to recruit volunteers to a Village Speedwatch Group. We still need another 2 or 3 people to attend training before we have the required number in order to start Speedwatch sessions. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to help with this.

The PC is also, along with neighbouring PCs, looking at purchasing mobile speed awareness signs, which could be moved around areas of the village. These would highlight vehicle speeds and also collect data which will provide evidence to enable the Police to visit and target particular areas.

The Chairman attended the first Parish Conference in August, held by the Police & Crime Commissioner.

COUNCIL NEWS

VILLAGE MATTERS
New lighting will be installed to the front of the Pavilion on the Recreation Green to help with security and use of the table tennis table.

An additional litter bin is to be provided by the bench near to the basketball unit.

Repairs are being arranged to damaged equipment in Moat Way play area and to the gates in the Recreation Green play area.

The PC is working on improvements to the village Emergency Plan, together with the Environment Agency's Flood Safety project, to provide a more detailed plan in the event of local flooding.

BT has now transferred the ownership of the two red telephone kiosks to the Parish Council for community use. A consultation has been taking place and options for their use will be published shortly for further consultation.

DRAINAGE
The PC is still awaiting news from the Environment Agency on progress with the works to the river bank and Mare Fen. At the request of the PC, Heidi Allen MP has now become involved to try to help move this project forward.

PLANNING
The planning application for 70 new homes on land to the rear of 130 Middle Watch/south of Whitton Close was granted permission by the Appeal Inspector in July.

The Appeal Hearing for the application for up to 99 new homes on land south of Fen Drayton Rd/Gibraltar Lane was heard in September. See the Parish Council website for up to date information www.swavesey.org.uk

The application for up to 95 homes on the Dairy Farm site has we understand, gone to appeal.

The application for up 56 new homes on land north of Fen Drayton Rd/west of Moat Way is due to be considered by SCDC Planning Committee in October.

Details of the discussions on all planning applications can be found in the meeting minutes on the PC website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Neighbourhood Planning Group is making good progress through this project. Consultation with local groups has been taking place over the past 3 or so months and an initial survey to identify major issues and concerns has been completed. Professional support is now being taken on to help with grant funding towards major consultation during 2018, which will lead to the writing up of the Policies to be included in the Plan.

QUALITY AWARD – Local Council Award Scheme
The PC is very pleased to announce that it has been awarded Quality Status by the National Association of Local Councils. The Quality Award demonstrates that a Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. The PC has held this status since 2007.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council

Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age

Age UK are holding another tea party in October.

Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age

10th 0ctober

held at the Bethel Baptist Church

Plenty of cakes and tea and coffee with music all free

Book space with warden 07436 102736 (Tracey Booth)

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Compass Café

"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2017: 30th March, 29th June, 31st August & 30th November

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Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

EVENTS AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

As most of the village knows, St Andrew's Church suffered a series of thefts of lead from the roof last year. The overall repair costs will be around £70,000. Grants have been applied for but, even if we're successful, we'll need to raise a substantial sum in-house. The church has run a series of events through the year, partly to raise the much-needed money and partly to enhance the social life of the village. Here is some information on two more coming up in the near future.

Concert by Sedici, Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm

Earlier in the summer we had a series of three quite different concerts, which proved very popular. This month we're hosting another, this time it is by Sedici, a chamber choir based in Cambridgeshire. They are very particular about the venues they perform in, always looking for somewhere with a really good acoustic. Anyone who came to the earlier concerts will know that St Andrew's comes up trumps in that respect. They perform unaccompanied, singing a range of sacred, secular and traditional part songs. In addition the concert will be interspersed with readings of various kinds and a piano solo, so there should be something for all tastes. Tickets are £8, or £5 for school-age children, available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church-swavesey or via 01954 230077.

Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre. Saturday, December 2nd 10am – 4pm and Sunday 3rd December, 2pm – 4pm

The challenge this year is not only to fill St Andrew's with angels but with stars as well! We are inviting you all to make angels and stars to decorate the church during Advent. You can make an individual angel or a heavenly host or a single star or a whole galaxy! Enter as a group or enter independently – we welcome you all! The angels and stars will remain in church throughout the Advent Season and will need to be collected on January 1st 2018.

If you feel such creation is beyond you, just come and wonder at the skills of others and cast your vote for the best adult and best child entry. Like last year, there will be a Craft Fayre in church on Saturday, December 2nd from 10am – 4pm with a range of stalls including jewellery and semi precious stones. There will also be craft activities for children and refreshments on both days. The Festival will conclude with our annual Christingle Service at 4:30pm.

Entry to the Festival will be free.

If you would like to take part in the Festival, either by creating a star or an angel; or by hiring a table at the Craft Fayre, please contact Nicky Carne, 01954 230971 (nicky_carne@hotmail.com) for entry details. It isn't too late!

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge or the Team Administrator:

Priest in Charge. Telephone: 01954 231496 or
Revd. Julie Anderson. Email: julie_anderson51@yahoo.co.uk.

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

Children of all ages are very welcome at St Andrews for those over 5 we hold a Youth Group each week, Branches, during the 11 am service. Except, the 4th Sunday of the month when an All Age Service is held and the children take part in the service. For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have bags of books and toys for use during the services.

Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

Anyone who is interested in bell ringing should contact the churchwardens.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

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(Survivors now meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm)

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Students key stage 3 and above
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Fridays 7pm to 9pm
Bethel Baptist Church Swavesey
(Parents are required to sign and return consent form)

For more information on all of our events and activities:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at:
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact Heather Maloney e: hjmaloney@googlemail.com Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact Lisa Boyes e: windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact Jim Burling e: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues, contact Lynda Mayer e: s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312	preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk
Swavesey Primary School	01954-273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954-230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
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National Rail	08457-484950	www.nationalrail.co.uk
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Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954-780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954-210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk

1st Swavesey Scout Group

Christmas Post

The 1st Swavesey Scout Group will be collecting and delivering Christmas cards within Swavesey Village.

Cards can be dropped off in our Christmas post boxes at the following locations

The Newsagents, Le Mac Hairdressers and Costcutters.

From 1st November to 10th December.

The cost is 20p per card.

All proceeds go to help the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

All deliveries will be done by the 17th December

If you cannot drop off your cards and would like them collected please contact either Lisa Boyes – 07747 002296 or Jim Burling – 07751 528285

Angel and Star Festival with Craft Fayre

Come and judge the best angels and stars: flying and free standing!

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

Saturday, December 2nd : 10am-4pm
and Sunday, December 3rd: 2-4pm

Craft Stalls (Saturday only),
Refreshments and Children's activities